

Bay Area Conservancy Program



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The Second Year Report

2000-2001

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ABOUT THIS REPORT

The Bay Area Conservancy Program was established through State Legislation in 1997. Sponsored by the Bay Area Open Space Council, and authored by Senator Byron Sher, the Program is administered by the California Coastal Conservancy. The Program received its first funding in July of 1999.

This report summarizes how the second year funds have been expended. Grants have been awarded in all nine Bay Area counties within the jurisdiction of the Program, and for the full range of Program responsibilities—regionally significant public parks, trails, natural habitat preservation and restoration, farmland protection, and environmental education. All acquisitions have been with willing sellers, and have involved both the purchase of fee title ownership and conservation easements. Grant recipients have included public agencies and nonprofit organizations. All dollar amounts listed in this report are approximate and are subject to change as augmented with additional funds or reduced through project cost-savings measures. Additionally, not all projects approved by the Conservancy will be implemented due to unforeseen design, funding, or acquisition-related complications. For ease of reporting, projects have been categorized as either regional or local in nature. Regional projects are those which benefit the entire San Francisco Bay Area as a whole.

Local projects, while still regionally significant, are often more site-specific.

Despite the diversity of grant recipients and project purposes, all of the funded projects share several characteristics: They are regionally significant. Each achieves multiple goals. All are cooperative ventures bringing together many agencies and organizations. They close institutional gaps and bring coherence and comprehensiveness to individual efforts.

The Bay Area Open Space Council is excited about the progress that has been made this year by the Bay Area Conservancy Program, and is pleased to present this progress report.



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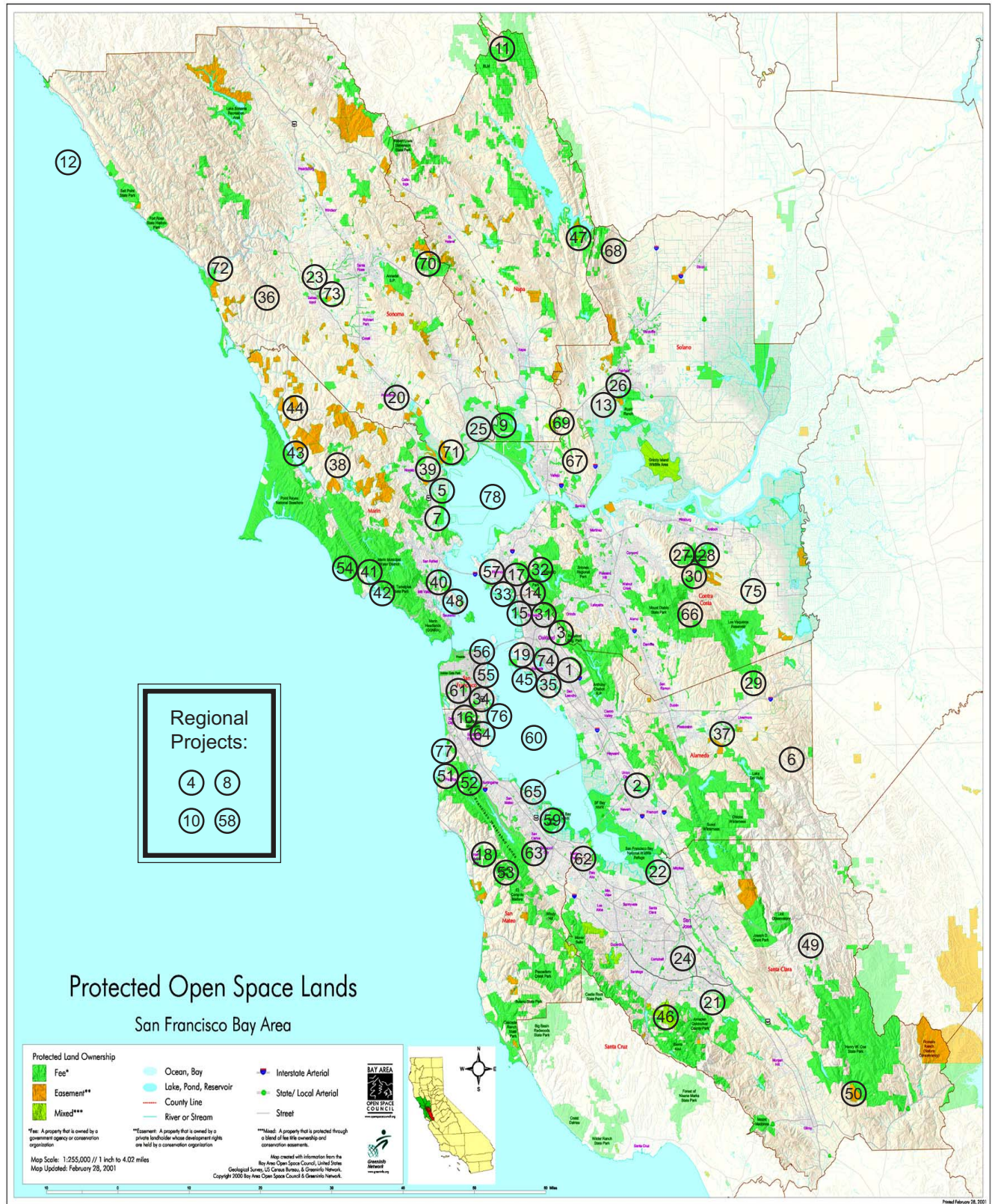
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MAP OF BAY AREA CONSERVANCY PROJECTS (FY 2000/2001)

Note: Numbers on the map refer to the projects listed on the next four pages in the Summary of Projects (FY 2000/2001). Subregional and regional projects are not shown on the map.



Summary of Approved and Proposed Bay Area Projects (FY 2000/2001)

- * Projects marked with an asterisk have been reviewed and recommended by Conservancy staff, but have not received final Board approval as of the end of the 2000/2001 fiscal year.
 R = Regional Projects.

Grant Recipient/Project	Bay Area Conservancy Program	Additional Conservancy Funding	Matching Funds (some estimated)
<i>Alameda County Flood Control And Water Conservation District</i>			
#1 Arroyo Viejo Creek Restoration Project	\$ 350,000		\$ 468,000
#2 Restoration And Enhancement Of Steelhead Trout Habitat, Phase I	\$ 20,000		\$ 25,000
#3 Sausal Creek Restoration Project	\$ 250,000		\$ 157,000
<i>Bay Area Open Space Council</i>			
R #4 Planning And Partnership Development	\$ 232,500		\$ 278,800
<i>California Coastal Conservancy</i>			
** #5 Bel Marin Keys Acquisition	\$ 3,145,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 8,000,000
* #6 Diablo Range Acquisition (Alameda County)	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000 est.
#7 Hamilton and Bel Marin Keys Wetlands Restoration Plan	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 13,480,000	\$ 42,000,000
R #8 Introduced <i>Spartina</i> Project	\$ 200,000		\$ 1,795,860
#9 Napa Sonoma Marsh Feasibility Study, Phase II	\$ 1,224,682		\$ 2,437,825
R #10 Technical Services	\$ 60,000		
<i>California Department Of Fish And Game</i>			
* #11 Ranchland Acquisition	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 2,000,000 est.
<i>California Department Of Parks and Recreation</i>			
* #12 Sonoma Coast Acquisition	\$ 1,000,000		
<i>California Sportfishing Protection Alliance</i>			
#13 Suisun Creek Watershed Enhancement Project	\$ 150,000		\$ 200,000
<i>City Of Albany</i>			
#14 Albany/Berkeley Codornices Creek Project, Phase I Construction	\$ 200,000		\$ 1,700,000
<i>City Of Berkeley</i>			
#15 Berkeley Marina Access Plan	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 250,000
<i>City Of Brisbane</i>			
#16 Brisbane Acres Acquisition, San Bruno Mountain	\$ 65,000		\$ 65,000
<i>City Of El Cerrito</i>			
* #17 Cerrito Creek Stabilization, Restoration, And Public Access Improvements	\$ 350,000		\$ 245,000
<i>City Of Half Moon Bay</i>			
* #18 Pilarcitos Creek Trail Construction	\$ 100,000		\$ 500,000
<i>City Of Oakland</i>			
#19 Oakland Waterfront Pathway Design Study	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 125,000
<i>City Of Petaluma</i>			
#20 Petaluma Marsh Trails	\$ 100,000		\$ 35,000
<i>City Of San Jose</i>			
* #21 Coyote-Alamitos Canal Trail Master Plan	\$ 394,000		\$ 50,000
<i>City Of San Jose/Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation</i>			
* #22 Alviso Marina, Phase II	\$ 400,000		\$ 180,000
<i>City Of Sebastopol</i>			
#23 Laguna De Santa Rosa Connector Trail And Restoration Project	\$ 258,300		\$ 25,900
<i>County of Santa Clara</i>			
* #24 Guadalupe River Trail	\$ 1,760,000		
<i>Ducks Unlimited</i>			
#25 Napa/Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area Enhancement and Interpretation	\$ 315,000		\$ 750,229
#26 Suisun Marsh Waterfowl Production Program	\$ 160,000		\$ 500,000
<i>East Bay Regional Park District</i>			
* #27 Black Diamond Mines Rose Hill Cemetery	\$ 29,500		\$ 30,000 est.
* #28 Black Diamond Mines Park Restoration	\$ 500,000		\$ 100,000 est.
#29 Bosley/Weaver Acquisition	\$ 300,000		\$ 825,520
#30 Clayton Ranch Acquisition, Phase III	\$ 296,000		\$ 407,000
#31 Temescal Beach House Renovations	\$ 270,875		\$ 799,125
#32 Tilden Park Merry-Go-Round Renovation	\$ 197,000		\$ 245,000
<i>Friends Of Five Creeks</i>			
#33 Albany Salt Marsh Expansion	\$ 30,000		\$ 1,500
<i>Friends Of San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department</i>			
#34 Visitacion Valley Greenway	\$ 50,000		\$ 30,000

** Bel Marin Keys acquisition was accomplished in part using a loan through the State Revolving Loan Fund and will be repaid with State Challenge Grant Funds when non-state funds are available as a match.

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<i>Golden Gate Audubon Society</i> #35 Martin Luther King, Jr. Shoreline Education Project	\$ 110,000		\$ 37,301
<i>Landpaths</i> #36 Van Alstyne Grove	\$ 500,000		\$ 1,500,000
<i>Livermore Area Recreation And Park District</i> #37 Sycamore Grove Resource Management Plan, Phase I	\$ 120,000		\$ 120,000
<i>Marin Agricultural Land Trust</i> * #38 Ranchland Conservation Easement	\$ 1,300,000		\$ 400,000 est.
<i>Marin Audubon Society</i> #39 Atherton Avenue Acquisition * #40 Triangle Marsh Acquisition	\$ 340,000 \$ 22,500		\$ 57,000
<i>Marin County Open Space District</i> #41 Bolinas Lagoon Restoration Feasibility Study * #42 Bolinas Lagoon Restoration Implementation	\$ 364,000 \$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,900,000
<i>Marin Resource Conservation District</i> * #43 Tomales Bay Watershed Assessment #44 Walker Creek Watershed Restoration Program	\$ 62,000 \$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 25,000 \$ 500,000
<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center</i> * #45 Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center Design	\$ 250,000		\$ 267,700
<i>Mid-Peninsula Open Space District</i> * #46 Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve Acquisition	\$ 4,000,000		\$ 3,000,000
<i>Napa County Land Trust</i> #47 Quail Ridge Acquisition	\$ 77,000	\$ 215,000	\$ 52,000
<i>National Audubon Society</i> #48 Mountain Trail Restoration And Enhancement	\$ 50,000		\$ 51,000
<i>Nature Conservancy</i> #49 Isabel Valley Ranch Easement #50 Silacci Ranch Conservation Easement	\$ 2,000,000 \$ 400,000		\$ 5,000,000 \$ 2,416,000
<i>Pacifica Land Trust</i> #51 San Pedro Creek Mouth/Mahoney Property Acquisition * #52 Picardo Ranch Option	\$ 1,100,000 \$ 100,000		\$ 1,000,000
<i>Peninsula Open Space Trust</i> #53 Purisima Farms Acquisition	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 2,000,000
<i>Point Reyes Bird Observatory</i> #54 Palomarin Field Station Trail Enhancement And Restoration Project	\$ 15,500		\$ 30,391
<i>Port Of San Francisco</i> #55 Brannan Street Wharf * #56 Downtown Ferry Terminal Public Pier	\$ 100,000 \$ 400,000		\$ 70,000 \$ 806,000
<i>Richmond Redevelopment Agency</i> #57 Rosie The Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historic Park	\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000
<i>San Francisco Bay Joint Venture</i> R #58 Habitat Projects	\$ 75,000		\$ 225,000
<i>San Francisco Bay Wildlife Society</i> * #59 Bair Island Technical Studies	\$ 122,000		
<i>San Francisco Estuary Institute</i> * #60 Wetland Regional Monitoring Program	\$ 35,000		\$ 100,000
<i>San Francisco Recreation And Park Department</i> #61 Glen Canyon Habitat Restoration Project	\$ 250,000		\$ 355,500
<i>San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority</i> #62 San Francisquito Creek Bank Stabilization Demonstration Projects, Phase I	\$ 100,000		\$ 91,950
<i>San Mateo County Environmental Services Agency</i> #63 Edgewood Park And Preserve Habitat Restoration #64 San Bruno Mountain Restoration Program, Phase I #65 San Mateo Fishing Pier Plan	\$ 17,000 \$ 144,170 \$ 100,000		\$ 191,470 \$ 2,417 \$ 45,000
<i>Save Mount Diablo</i> * #66 Wright Ranch Acquisition	\$ 590,000		\$ 50,000
<i>Solano County Farmland And Open Space Foundation</i> #67 King And Swett Ranches Acquisition, Phase II * #68 Hoskins Ranch Conservation Easement * #69 Lynch Canyon Plan	\$ 2,000,000 \$ 345,000 \$ 236,000		\$ 952,080 \$ 370,000

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<i>Sonoma County Regional Parks</i>			
#70 Mayacamas Ridge/Hood Mountain Road	\$ 217,000		\$ 190,000
<i>Sonoma Land Trust</i>			
#71 North Parcel-Leonard Ranch Seasonal Wetlands Enhancement	\$ 313,000		\$ 98,000
#72 Russian River/North Coast Parcel Analysis	\$ 50,000		\$ 18,000
#73 Laguna De Santa Rosa Preservation Program	\$ 80,000		\$ 52,000
<i>Spanish Speaking Unity Council</i>			
#74 Union Point Park Implementation	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,570,000	\$ 1,400,000
<i>Trust For Public Land</i>			
* #75 Cowell Ranch Acquisition	\$ 3,000,000		\$ 10,000,000
* #76 India Basin Stairway Feasibility Study	\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000 est.
#77 Mori Point Acquisition	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,332,000
<i>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</i>			
#78 San Pablo Bay Watershed Restoration Program, Phase II	\$ 275,000		\$ 550,000
Sub-Total	\$ 39,488,027	\$ 22,315,000	\$ 101,832,568
Total Conservancy Funds	\$61,803,027		

Program Funding Leverage: BACP Funds/Matching Funds 28% 72%

Bay Area Projects Using Other Coastal Conservancy Funds

<i>Bay Area Ridge Trail Council</i>			
Bay Area Ridge Trail	\$ 3,427,800	\$ 4,000,000	est.
<i>California Coastal Conservancy</i>			
Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project Implementation	\$ 13,820,000		
<i>City of Pacifica</i>			
Pacifica Coastal Trail	\$ 300,000	\$ 380,000	
<i>Coastal Watershed Council</i>			
Gazos Creek Watershed Enhancement Plan	\$ 85,000	\$ 82,000	
<i>County of Marin</i>			
West Marin-Tomales Bay Septics Assessment	\$ 35,000	\$ 96,000	
<i>County of San Mateo</i>			
San Mateo County Rural Coastal Septics Assessment	\$ 250,000		
<i>County of Sonoma</i>			
Monte Rio Community Septic System Design	\$ 350,000		
<i>East Bay Regional Park District</i>			
Ferry Point Pier Restoration	\$ 492,500	\$ 855,500	
<i>Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District</i>			
Napa River Flood Reduction and Wetland Restoration	\$ 1,683,000		
<i>San Francisco Bay Trail Project</i>			
San Francisco Bay Trail	\$ 7,412,000	\$ 25,000,000	est.
<i>Sonoma Land Trust</i>			
Dewar Parcel Acquisition	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000	

APPROVED REGIONAL PROJECTS

BAY AREA OPEN SPACE COUNCIL

PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT; \$232,500

The Bay Area Open Space Council will be undertaking five elements that together provide a comprehensive approach for implementing regional partnership and planning goals of the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program. The five elements are: 1) regional research into the effects of nonpoint source pollution from motor vehicles on our local creeks and the Bay; 2) support for large landscapes working groups, such as the Diablo Ridgeland and the Blue Ridge/Berryessa Natural Area; 3) building regional financial capacity within Solano and Contra Costa Counties and through regional public opinion surveys; 4) creating educational materials, such as the Regional Needs Briefing Book; and 5) partnership development through bimonthly meetings and an annual conference.



CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY

INTRODUCED *SPARTINA* PROJECT; \$200,000

The spread of introduced *Spartina* presents perhaps the most serious danger to ever threaten the existence of the San Francisco baylands. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Draft Recovery Plan for the Tidal Marshes of Central and Northern California ranks eradication of the exotic *Spartina alterniflora* as a number one recovery action needed to prevent listed species' foreseeable slide towards extinction. The threat of regional loss of tidal flat habitat and the recovery of endangered species is emphasized as the reason for the highest possible ranking. The Conservancy is coordinating a regional effort to reverse the spread of the introduced cordgrass through Team *Spartina*, an ad hoc association of agencies and institutions. Project components include: 1) establishing region-wide coordination, public outreach, research, mapping, monitoring, and planning; 2) conducting research for the best possible control techniques, monitoring techniques, genetic testing, and continued research on hybridization; 3) conducting surveys and field visits to assist agencies to identify and assess their invasive *Spartina* populations; 4) developing a suitable mapping protocol and conducting ongoing vegetation surveys to map the invasive *Spartina* distribution and net acreage of invasive *Spartina* populations in the South Bay, Central Bay, and portions of the North Bay; 5) creating a programmatic EIR/EIS; and 6) producing a public outreach brochure.

TECHNICAL SERVICES; \$60,000

In developing property acquisition projects, Conservancy staff routinely need the assistance of a variety of professionals, including appraisers, surveyors, title companies, property inspectors, and economists, to determine feasibility. In order to facilitate the staff's access to these essential consulting services in a timely manner, these funds would enable staff to obtain the services of appraisers and other specialists to facilitate the acquisition of important properties.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY JOINT VENTURE

HABITAT PROJECTS; \$75,000

Funds will be used to provide support for administration and operations of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture, and for initial implementation of *Restoring the Estuary: An Implementation Strategy for the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture*. The Joint Venture is a public/private collaboration of 27 agencies, environmental organizations, and business groups organized to support the acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of wetland and riparian habitat in the San Francisco Bay Area. This is accomplished by coordinating and providing technical assistance to Joint Venture members for wetlands and riparian protection and restoration projects and other activities, leveraging existing resources, and developing new funding sources.

APPROVED LOCAL PROJECTS

ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ARROYO VIEJO CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT; \$350,000

This project will remove failing structures, stabilize banks, restore native vegetation, install new paths and lights, replace a concrete amphitheater, create new picnic and access areas, and improve a parking lot. Plants will be supplied by the City of Oakland's Native Plant Propagation Program, established in collaboration with the Wilmont Sweeney Juvenile Detention Center in neighboring San Leandro, where a plant growing facility was built. Goals of the project include restoring ecological balance and riparian habitat, improving water quality, and helping to protect an existing population of native Pacific chorus frogs, while enhancing public access and safety, recreational, and educational opportunities for an underserved population of East Oakland.



RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF STEELHEAD TROUT HABITAT IN THE ALAMEDA CREEK WATERSHED, PHASE I; \$20,000

Conservancy funds will provide partial funding for implementation of Steelhead Trout restoration work, including identifying of suitable stock for supplementation actions in which eggs or juveniles are planted in various parts of the watershed to “kick-start” the fishery, and conducting spring smolt surveys to identify the regions in the watershed where juvenile trout are beginning the physiological transformation into ocean-going smolts. Phase II of this project will include construction of the fish passage facilities. Additional funding and technical

assistance is coming from other members of the Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Workgroup, which is composed of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the Alameda County Water District, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the East Bay Regional Park District, the California Coastal Conservancy, the City of Fremont, the California Department of Fish and Game, the Alameda Creek Alliance, Environmental Defense, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

SAUSAL CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT; \$250,000

This restoration project will remove concrete structures, and restore habitat and hydrological function to a reach of Sausal Creek in Dimond Park. Plans include removal of a concrete check dam and spillway and two metal and concrete debris racks. The removal of these structures will provide the opportunity to realign and regrade the existing channel in order to reestablish a more natural profile. Native rainbow trout have recently been identified living in several pools in the creek near Dimond Park. Native plants will be planted to provide habitat for the fish and other wildlife. In addition, the creek channel realignment will allow for the rebuilding of a 1,500 foot stretch of creekside pedestrian trail, which in turn connects with Joaquin Miller, Redwood, and Roberts Parks.



CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY

BEL MARIN KEYS ACQUISITION; \$3,145,000 (PLUS \$5,000,000 OTHER CONSERVANCY FUNDING)

Funds will be used to purchase approximately 1,613 acres of the Bel Marin Keys V property in Marin County. If the property is not acquired, a private developer has proposed building 796 residential units, an 18-hole golf course, clubhouse, community facilities, recreational boating lagoon, and marsh restoration.

This proposal has resulted in several suits against Marin County. Fortunately, the County and the developer have entered into an agreement staying their litigation, affording the public an opportunity to acquire the property for habitat restoration purposes. Acquisition of this property will allow for the expansion of the 1,000 acre Hamilton Wetlands Restoration project, significantly increasing the acreage of fish and wildlife habitat that can be restored and increasing the capacity for the beneficial re-use of dredged materials.



HAMILTON AND BEL MARIN KEYS WETLAND RESTORATION PLAN; \$1,020,000 (PLUS \$13,480,000 OTHER CONSERVANCY FUNDING)

The Restoration Plan will provide a conceptual integrated design and a supplemental EIR/EIS for the Hamilton Airfield and Bel Marin Keys V property, needed to include the recently acquired BMK property in the Corps of Engineers project.

NAPA SONOMA MARSH FEASIBILITY STUDY, PHASE II; \$1,224,682

The 38,000 acre Napa-Sonoma Marsh Complex is a resource of national importance, proving habitat for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds as well as endangered species. Conservancy funds will be used to complete a feasibility study with the Army Corps of Engineers in order to restore 9,850 acres of former salt ponds, remnant sloughs, and tidal marsh.



CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE

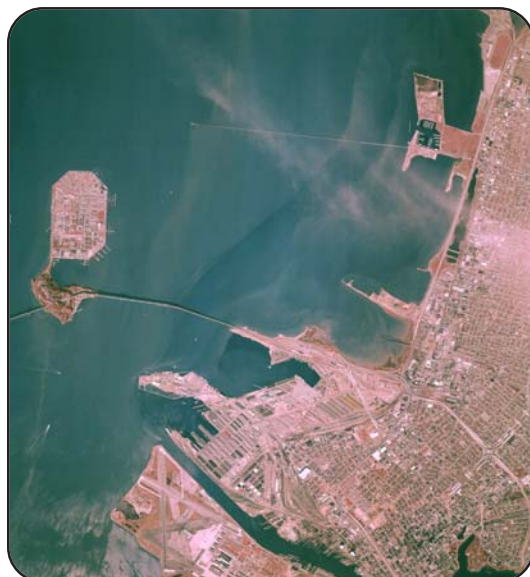
SUISUN CREEK WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT PROJECT; \$150,000

The Suisun Creek Watershed drains to Suisun Marsh, the largest complex of wetlands in the San Francisco Bay/Delta and an important habitat for migratory waterfowl. This project will enhance the Suisun Creek Watershed for steelhead trout and other wildlife, and involve the community and local landowners in the enhancement efforts. Specific tasks include gathering existing sources of information, conducting meetings with community members and landowners to encourage involvement in the efforts, evaluating watershed features and determining locations for monitoring sites and surveys, conducting watershed assessments and studies, evaluating monitoring and survey information, identifying enhancement needs and activities, and preparing an Enhancement Plan.

CITY OF ALBANY

ALBANY/BERKELEY CODORNICES CREEK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES PROJECT, PHASE I CONSTRUCTION; \$200,000

The City of Albany has been working closely with the City of Berkeley and the University of California to plan and implement restoration of Codornices Creek and associated riparian habitat, the construction of a new pedestrian/bicycle trail, and the development of recreational facilities. Conservancy funding was used last year for planning and design of the project. This year's funding will be used to regrade part of the main channel to a more natural geomorphology, for elimination of a non-functioning bypass culvert, and for maintenance of other newly-restored sections of Codornices Creek.



CITY OF BERKELEY

BERKELEY MARINA ACCESS PLAN; \$100,000 (PLUS \$100,000 OTHER CONSERVANCY FUNDING)

Funds will be used to support a public planning process and environmental impact review which will determine the design and construction of a promenade along Seawall Drive and a new pathway at the University Avenue entrance to the Marina, connecting the Marina to the Aquatic Park pedestrian overpass and Bay Trail. It is estimated that safe and accessible pedestrian access to the waterfront created by the Bay Trail and the freeway overpass will attract substantially more pedestrians, cyclists, runners, and people with disabilities to the Berkeley Marina and waterfront.

CITY OF BRISBANE

BRISBANE ACRES ACQUISITION, SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN, \$65,000

Funding will be used to acquire three parcels totaling six acres adjacent to San Bruno Mountain State and County Park. San Bruno Mountain contains habitat for a number of rare plant and animal species, including three species of butterflies listed as endangered species by the federal government. Two of these species, the Mission Blue and the Callippe Silverspot have been recorded on or near these parcels. Most of the land on San Bruno Mountain is included within the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), a plan which provides for the protection and enhancement of habitat of federally listed endangered species. This was the first such plan in the nation and has served as the prototype for subsequent HCPs. The non-profit group San Bruno Mountain Watch will restore Brisbane Acres with the support and guidance of the HCP managers. (See page 19 for more info.)



CITY OF OAKLAND

OAKLAND WATERFRONT PATHWAY DESIGN STUDY; \$200,000 (PLUS \$200,000 OTHER CONSERVANCY FUNDING)

Funds will be used to plan and design a continuous bicycle and pedestrian pathway along the Oakland Estuary between Jack London Square and the Oakland Airport, a distance of approximately nine miles. About half of the proposed pathway has been built, including segments within the Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline and Jack London District. Three key gaps exist in the pathway, comprising about four miles. The proposed pathway will transform an inaccessible industrial waterfront into an outstanding recreational resource for residents of Oakland and the entire region. In addition, the path will provide a critical missing link in the 400-mile Bay Trail that connects Oakland with other Bay Area communities.



CITY OF PETALUMA

PETALUMA MARSH TRAILS; \$100,000

Funds would be used for the construction of two projects: an approximately 2,500-foot trail near the Petaluma River, connecting Shollenberger Park with the Petaluma River Marina and reconstruction of a portion of the bank of the Petaluma River. The trail alignment would be partially along the Petaluma River and partially around the perimeter of the Petaluma Marsh. The bank stabilization will help prevent flooding into the most sensitive areas of the marsh which are habitat for a strain of the salt marsh harvest mouse which has not bred with other related mouse species. This genetic isolation makes the survival of this population particularly important.



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

LAGUNA DE SANTA ROSA CONNECTOR TRAIL AND RIPARIAN/OAK WOODLAND RESTORATION PROJECT; \$258,300

The Laguna de Santa Rosa is one of the most significant remaining wetlands in the State of California. The Laguna has an extraordinary range of environmental resources, providing habitat to several endangered or threatened species and functioning as one of the premier bird-watching venues in Northern California. Funds will be used to construct a 4,000-foot long loop trail and amenities, and remove exotic plants and restore oak woodland habitat within a 100-foot wide trail corridor. Once constructed, the trail will expand the regional trail system that goes from the Russian River into and south of the Laguna.

DUCKS UNLIMITED

NAPA-SONOMA MARSHES WILDLIFE AREA ENHANCEMENT AND INTERPRETATION; \$315,000

Ducks Unlimited will design and construct eight seasonal ponds in upland areas (120 acres); repair and improve levees at Pond 1 and Tolay Creek Pond; and design, construct, and install interpretive signs at or near two of the sites.

SUISUN MARSH WATERFOWL PRODUCTION PROGRAM; \$160,000

A partnership of Ducks Unlimited, the Suisun Resource Conservation District, and individuals, is working to restore and enhance managed wetlands and associated upland nesting habitats to benefit waterfowl production and other wetland-dependent species in Suisun Marsh. This project will compliment wetland restoration and enhancement projects funded in part by the Suisun Marsh North American Wetlands Conservation Act Restoration and Enhancement Project now in the final stages of completion. Under this grant, 84 acres were restored and 26,165 acres were enhanced on degraded emergent wetlands and uplands.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

BOSLEY/WEAVER ACQUISITION; \$300,000

This 320-acre acquisition is the final of a three-phase open space purchase extending the Brushy Peak Regional Park Preserve. The full project will give permanent protection to 1,120 acres in the Alameda Creek Watershed, and secure important wildlife migratory and dispersal habitat. The area contains alkali seasonal wetlands and riparian communities, and also facilitates a two-county regional trail corridor between the cities of Livermore and Brentwood.

CLAYTON RANCH ACQUISITION, PHASE III; \$296,000

Adjoining Chaparral Springs, the 1027-acre Clayton Ranch property offers the single best opportunity for the creation of a recreational/wildlife corridor between Mt. Diablo State Park and the Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve. The property contains 12 special status species, including the federally listed red-legged frog and federal candidate species California tiger salamander. Clayton Ranch will be the single largest addition to the East County preserve in many years and offers a broad array of fire roads and single track trails.



TEMESCAL BEACH HOUSE RENOVATIONS, \$270,875

Conservancy funds will be used to fill a funding gap needed to complete the renovation of the two story beach house, an historic structure listed in the National Register of Historic Places, at Temescal Regional Park. The project will seismically upgrade the historic structure, improve disabled accessibility, enhance existing recreational activities at the park including swimming, walking, and picnicking, and create a new disabled accessible space for indoor and community gatherings. This project will increase access and usability to a regionally significant recreational site for the urban and disabled populations of the East Bay.

TILDEN PARK MERRY-GO-ROUND RENOVATION; \$197,000

The Tilden Park merry-go-round was constructed in 1911 and is listed in the National Historic Register. Conservancy funds would be used to restore many key mechanical parts that are urgently needed if the East Bay Regional Park District is to continue to operate the merry-go-round.

FRIENDS OF FIVE CREEKS

ALBANY SALT MARSH EXPANSION; \$30,000

Funds will be used for a preliminary feasibility study for expanding a 2-acre salt marsh at the mouth of Codornices and Village Creeks. Consultants will be hired to determine how large a salt marsh can be recreated, given flow in the creeks, tidal exchange, and physical barriers. In addition, past investigations will be studied to determine any concerns regarding soil toxicity that could pose costly to a full restoration. Once this preliminary study is complete, it is expected that Magna Entertainment Group, the owner of Golden Gate Fields race-track, the City of Albany, and the East Bay Regional Park District will agree on boundaries for a project to expand the marsh. The likely expansion is to more than slightly double the size of the present marsh.



FRIENDS OF SAN FRANCISCO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

VISITACIAN VALLEY GREENWAY; \$50,000

Friends of San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department will use funds to complete a greenway through Visitacian Valley that leads to McLaren Park. The final two lots in the greenway will be used as native plant gardens with pathways through them.

GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SHORELINE EDUCATION PROJECT; \$110,000

This project by the Golden Gate Audubon Society and the Save San Francisco Bay Association will provide environmental education programs for urban, diverse, low-income Oakland students. Two two-day workshops will be held for elementary school teachers and high school students and in-class presentations will prepare students for the field trips. Elementary school students will participate in an on-site learning experience, including water quality activities, water bird and plant identification, and mud studies. Middle and high school students will take part in Canoes in Sloughs field trips, including water quality testing, plant scavenger hunts, salinity testing, and watershed mapping. Students will be involved in community-based restoration at the MLK, Jr. Shoreline, restoring native plants.

LANDPATHS

VAN ALSTYNE GROVE; \$500,000

LandPaths has purchased the Van Alstyne grove of redwoods, two miles southwest of the town of Occidental, in western Sonoma County. Acquisition of this property will preserve a 28-acre mixed old and second growth redwood forest from timber harvest, and will provide a new public access and interpretive opportunity. The Van Alstyne grove is one of the last old-growth redwood forests left in Sonoma County, and is somewhat unique in that it is an isolated ridge top grove. Portions of the site also afford views as far as Point Reyes. This acquisition will be a cooperative venture between LandPaths, the Coastal Conservancy, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (which would purchase a conservation easement over the site), Save the Redwoods League, and other local contributors.

LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

SYCAMORE GROVE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN; \$120,000

Working in conjunction with the South Livermore Valley Agricultural Land Trust and the local community, the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District will develop a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Sycamore Grove Regional Park. The RMP will provide land use and public access policies for the 734-acre park, and will include recommendations for restoration measures.

MARIN AUDUBON SOCIETY

ATHERTON AVENUE ACQUISITION; \$340,000

Funds will be used to purchase an 84-acre site which consists of significant seasonal wetland habitat and associated uplands. It is adjacent to the Marin County Open Space District Deer Island Preserve. The owner of the adjacent 60-acre property to the north of the project area has offered to donate his parcel to the MAS. Acquisition of the property will provide an opportunity to enhance seasonal wetlands and protect and preserve adjacent upland areas in this region. Once the property is acquired, Marin Audubon Society will develop an enhancement and management plan for the Atherton Avenue and adjacent donated property. After enhancement activities are completed, it is expected that both properties will be donated to the Marin County Open Space District for long-term management.

MARIN COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

BOLINAS LAGOON RESTORATION FEASIBILITY STUDY; \$364,000 (PLUS \$1,100,000 OTHER CONSERVANCY FUNDING)

The Marin County Open Space District and the Corps of Engineers are undertaking a feasibility study to identify design alternatives to increase the tidal prism of the Bolinas Lagoon. The study will also include preparation of an environmental impact report and statement. Conservancy funds will be used to cost share technical studies, for project management and for environmental analysis.

MARIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WALKER CREEK WATERSHED RESTORATION PROGRAM, PHASE I; \$150,000 (PLUS \$150,000 OTHER CON- SERVANCY FUNDING)

The 73-square mile Walker Creek watershed drains into the north end of Tomales Bay. Steelhead trout, although declining, are still present. Coho salmon sightings have been very rare in the last fifteen years. The watershed also supports red and yellow-legged frogs, and the Tomales roach. Unfortunately, erosion is rampant in the watershed, many channels are downcutting, and much of the riparian vegetation is gone. The purpose of this restoration program is to enhance and conserve critical natural resources while supporting a strong agricultural economy. Goals include: 1) to combine existing and planned riparian restoration projects to create reaches of stable, well-vegetated creek corridor; 2) to repair significant sources of sediment that drain directly into the estuary area; and 3) to support and encourage interested landowners while community interest is strong. Work done under this grant will support the larger Walker Creek Restoration Program, which enjoys funding support of many other state and local agencies.



NAPA COUNTY LAND TRUST

QUAIL RIDGE ACQUISITION; \$77,000 (PLUS \$215,000 OTHER CONSERVANCY FUNDING)

This acquisition protects 339 acres of land for inclusion in the University of California's Natural Reserve System at Quail Ridge. The Reserve encompasses 2,400 acres of nearly pristine native habitat on a scenic peninsula reaching into Lake Berryessa, and provides educational and research opportunities. The project is a cooperative venture of the Quail Ridge Wilderness Conservancy, the University of California at Davis, and the Napa County Land Trust.

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

MOUNTAIN TRAIL RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT; \$50,000

The Mountain Trail traverses five of the Bay Area's major ecosystems: grassland meadow, redwood forest, seasonal freshwater pond, native oak woodland, and bay shoreline. Unfortunately, the trail is deteriorating rapidly due to overuse. Trail restoration will be undertaken to control erosion, remove invasive vegetation, and improve safety. In addition, three group "pull-outs" at ecologically significant sites will be created, permanent signage about ecological relationships will be installed, and three viewing decks with spotting scopes for observing water birds along the shoreline will be built.



NATURE CONSERVANCY

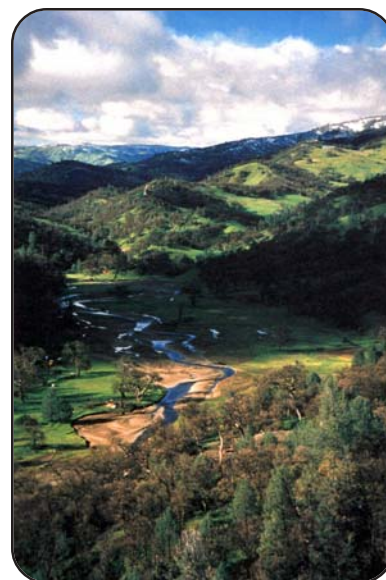
ISABEL VALLEY RANCH EASEMENT; \$2,000,000

The Nature Conservancy has launched an aggressive campaign to protect nearly 200,000 acres in the Diablo Range around Mount Hamilton. Purchase of this conservation easement will protect 11,189 acres of that area from development. The Isabel Valley features magnificent valley oak savannas where more than 100 of tule elk share the grasslands and wetlands with pronghorn antelope and blacktailed deer. Other wildlife includes mountain lions, golden eagles, and a diverse array of native aquatic species such as California red-legged frogs. The valley shelters the headwaters of Isabel Creek, which flows into Arroyo Hondo and the Calaveras Preserve.



SILACCI RANCH CONSERVATION EASEMENT; \$400,000

Located east of Gilroy, the Silacci Ranch supports a productive cattle and hay operation that provides significant open space, habitat, and watershed values. With 200 acres of frontage on Cañada Road, the property adjoins Henry Coe State Park and other state-owned and dedicated open spaces lands. At the regional level, this project provides significant public benefit by preserving open space against development pressure and providing protection for scenic qualities unique to the area.



PACIFICA LAND TRUST

SAN PEDRO CREEK MOUTH/MAHONEY PROPERTY ACQUISITION; \$1,100,000

The Conservancy granted funds to the Pacifica Land Trust for the acquisition of a 1.1-acre parcel of land on the north bank of the mouth of San Pedro Creek. The property will be transferred to the City of Pacifica, which will proceed with restoration of the badly degraded wetlands at the mouth of San Pedro Creek. By restoring a more natural ecological function to the creek mouth, the project will greatly benefit the steelhead salmon population in the creek, as well as help prevent flooding upstream. It is expected that the Mahoney property will eventually be added to the Pacifica State Beach.

PENINSULA OPEN SPACE TRUST

PURISIMA FARMS ACQUISITION; \$1,000,000

Conservancy funds will be used for the purchase of conservation and trail easements on the 534-acre Purisima Farms property in unincorporated San Mateo County. This property has the potential to serve as a critical junction for future connections between the California Coastal Trail and the San Francisco Bay and Ridge Trails. The easements would also link to existing conservation and trail easements owned by the Conservancy on land located immediately adjacent to Purisima Farms at Cowell Ranch. As a result, in addition to protecting over 240 acres of prime farmland to enable the continued production of artichokes and Brussels sprouts, the proposed acquisition will extend trail easements over three contiguous miles of highly scenic and accessible blufftop land crossing the Purisima Farms and Cowell Ranch properties. When developed, this new Coastal Trail segment will link with the existing Coastal Trail that stretches for several miles along Half Moon Bay's shoreline. Additional connections to inland trails on nearby public lands stretching eastward over the ridgeline towards San Francisco Bay will also be pursued.

POINT REYES BIRD OBSERVATORY

PALOMARIN FIELD STATION TRAIL ENHANCEMENT, RESTORATION, AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT; \$15,500

The Palomarin Visitors Center and Field Station are located at the southern entrance to the Point Reyes National Seashore. An estimated 10,000 visitors stop by the Visitors Center each year. This project will work to eliminate erosion along the nearby trails. In addition, interpretive signs will be installed along the trail and in the bird banding lab about using native birds to monitor ecosystem health, other interpretive opportunities in the area, and the value of native plants to the surrounding area.

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO

BRANNAN STREET WHARF; \$100,000

An interdisciplinary planning and design team will be hired by the Port of San Francisco to create the plans for the development of Brannan Street Wharf in San Francisco. Brannan Street Wharf will be an open-space, public plaza located on San Francisco's South Beach waterfront. Piers 34 and 36 will be removed as part of the project, providing a net reduction in Bay cover of approximately 3.2 acres. The planning and design team will conduct an interactive planning process with public and private groups, local residents, and other interested parties. Workshops will be conducted to develop design options. The design team will explore the environmental, economic, and funding implications of the options and return to the community for refinement of ideas. The planning and design team will ultimately create a detailed site improvement program, including cost estimates and a funding strategy for all project components.

RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

ROSIE THE RIVETER/WWII HOME FRONT NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK; \$300,000

The Home Front Visitor's and Education Center will focus on America's civilian efforts during World War II. A series of ten to twelve interpretive signs will be installed along the Bay Trail to educate visitors about the role that Richmond and its shoreline played in this effort. In addition, a portion of the Bay Trail known as the Esplanade will be extended to provide additional access for cyclists and pedestrians.

SAN FRANCISCO RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT

GLEN CANYON HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT; \$250,000

Islais Creek and the surrounding Glen Canyon watershed offer unique habitats for indigenous plants and animals in San Francisco. Unfortunately, Glen Canyon is threatened by proliferation of exotic pest plants and excessive erosion into the creek. In order to protect this valuable regional resource, the following project components will be undertaken: 1) removal of extensive infestations of exotic weeds, especially cape ivy and Himalayan blackberry, and replanting using native riparian plants; 2) erosion control through closing unnecessary trails and installing biotechnical solutions; and 3) installation of better routed trails and directional and interpretive signage.



SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK BANK STABILIZATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS, PHASE I; \$100,000

The Joint Powers Authority will work with five creekside property owners to plan, design, and construct "demonstration projects" along the creek utilizing methods indicated within the newly formulated "Bank Stabilization and Revegetation Master Plan" for San Francisquito Creek. The project promotes cooperative stakeholder and multi-jurisdictional efforts, and provides landowner incentives toward watershed enhancement and flood protection of a regionally significant natural resource in a highly urbanized area.



SAN MATEO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGENCY

EDGEWOOD PARK AND PRESERVE HABITAT RESTORATION; \$17,000

The serpentine grasslands at Edgewood Natural Preserve support the last remaining population of the threatened Bay checkerspot butterfly on the San Francisco Peninsula, along with a dazzling diversity of native wildflowers and bunchgrasses. A major cause of the decline has been the invasion by introduced annual grasses. An educational program will enhance the County's habitat restoration efforts.

SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN RESTORATION PROGRAM; \$144,170

The presence of invasive nonnative vegetation, combined with inadequate habitat management, threatens San Bruno Mountain County and State Park. This program will focus on 175 acres of the park for comprehensive restoration. Nonnative plants will be removed, erosion controls will be implemented, off-road vehicle damage will be repaired, and native plants will be reintroduced. In addition, outreach efforts will be made to local citizens to increase public awareness, access, and recreational and educational opportunities. The nonprofit group San Bruno Mountain Watch will restore another 143 acres on San Bruno Mountain, including Brisbane Acres. (See page 12 for more info.)

SAN MATEO FISHING PIER MASTER PLAN; \$100,000

The San Mateo Fishing Pier is the only place in the San Francisco Bay where sturgeon and bass can be caught from a pier. Unfortunately, the pier was damaged during the seismic retrofit of the San Mateo Bridge. With engineering and feasibility analysis for pier restoration, this facility can offer a unique opportunity to visitors to and residents of the San Francisco Bay Area. Additionally, a pilot educational program is also being developed in cooperation with the California Academy of Science, the California Conservation Corps, and local school districts.



SOLANO COUNTY

FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE FOUNDATION

KING AND SWETT RANCHES ACQUISITION, PHASE II; \$2,000,000

The King and Swett Ranches total 3,935 acres in southwestern Solano County. From the ridgetops in these ranches, visitors will gain access to sweeping vistas of the Bay Area, Carquinez Strait, Mount Diablo, and Suisun Marsh. Conservancy funds will be used to complete the second phase of purchasing these ranches, an addition of 1096 acres. The Conservancy authorized purchase of 500 acres of the King Ranch in 1999.

SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS

MAYACAMAS RIDGE/HOOD MOUNTAIN ROAD; \$217,000

This project would assist Sonoma County Regional Parks in the repair of an existing one-mile road and parking area currently closed to public motor vehicle access. Once repaired, the road and parking area will provide the only access to 15 miles of multi-purpose trails in Hood Mountain Regional Park and the adjoining 1,350-acre State-owned McCormick Sanctuary. It will also ensure a continuous connection from Hood Park, through McCormick Sanctuary to the adjoining Sugarloaf Ridge State Park.

SONOMA LAND TRUST

NORTH PARCEL-LEONARD RANCH SEASONAL WETLANDS ENHANCEMENT; \$313,000

Funds will be used to enhance seasonal wetlands on 330 of the 532 acres of property that the Sonoma Land Trust owns along the Sonoma County bayfront. The remaining 200 acres will be retained for agriculture and used to demonstrate the compatibility of seasonal wetland habitat with agricultural production. The seasonally wet diked and farmed baylands in the project area provide the remaining source of large contiguous seasonal wetlands in the North Bay. North Parcel and Leonard Ranch provide short-term habitat for shorebirds and waterfowl in the winter and spring when the properties flood, forming scattered freshwater and brackish ponds. However, current farming practices result in rapid draining of the properties, which limits the ecological value and duration of this vital habitat. This project will restore seasonal wetlands on currently farmed oat hay fields and will increase winter and spring habitat for shorebirds and waterfowl. It will encompass all of the 288-acre North Parcel site and 40 acres of the Leonard Ranch. The remainder of the Leonard Ranch property will remain in oat hay production.



RUSSIAN RIVER/NORTH COAST PARCEL ANALYSIS; \$50,000

Sonoma Land Trust will conduct a parcel analysis of the coastal area and immediate inland watershed areas east of the Russian River. This will identify unique and valuable natural resources, trail opportunities, and easement and acquisition possibilities. The information will be used to produce a Concept Acquisition Plan. The plan will include strategies for funding these acquisitions through partnerships with other nonprofit conservation organizations and/or public funding.



LAGUNA DE SANTA ROSA PRESERVATION PROGRAM; \$80,000

In conjunction with the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, this project will create a geographical information system of maps and related databases that detail boundaries, topography and hydrology, biological communities and habitat areas, land uses, parcel ownership, and locations of threatened and endangered species. A strategic plan will also be developed for preservation of priority areas in the Laguna. A public outreach program to local communities will be implemented and a public access trail on a key property will be restored.

SPANISH SPEAKING UNITY COUNCIL

UNION POINT PARK IMPLEMENTATION; \$500,000 (PLUS \$1,570,000 OTHER CONSERVANCY FUNDING)

The Spanish Speaking Unity Council will construct Phase 1 of Union Point Park. The park will provide an attractive destination point for regional visitors and a feature improvement on the San Francisco Bay Trail. Additionally, the City of Oakland and the Port of Oakland have worked in partnership with community and environmental interest groups to create a master plan for a waterfront park at Union Point on the Oakland estuary. Conservancy funds will also be used to fill a gap in funding needed to acquire the Cryer property that is essential for the completion of Union Point Park. When completed, the park will include a segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail and will provide an attractive destination point for regional visitors.



TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

MORI POINT ACQUISITION; \$500,000 (PLUS \$500,000 OTHER CONSERVANCY FUNDING)

Conservancy funds will be used to acquire the 105-acre Mori Point property which will preserve natural resource and public open space values. The National Park Service is pursuing funds to purchase the property as an addition to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The property fills a critical gap in existing protected open space, linking together the City of Pacifica's beach promenade trail to the north and the Sweeney Ridge to the east. In addition, the California Coastal Trail is also planned to eventually run through the Mori Point property.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

SAN PABLO BAY RESTORATION PROGRAM, PHASE II; \$275,000

Following up on the successful publication of the San Pablo Bay Watershed Restoration Program Framework, the Corps and Conservancy will provide project development assistance for projects identified in the plan. This includes conducting outreach to the potential projects, providing guidance through the funding application process, and assisting local project sponsors in securing appropriate professional help to implement restoration projects.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY

DIABLO RANGE ACQUISITION (ALAMEDA COUNTY); \$1,000,000

The Diablo Ridglands consists of approximately 1 million acres of connected, and largely intact habitat. Significant areas within the Ridglands have been permanently protected, around Mount Diablo, the Briones Hills, the Del Valle/Sunol area, and at Henry Coe State Park. Continuing ranching operations have kept other parts of the Ridglands ecologically intact. However, strong development pressure threatens to fragment the Ridglands and turn protected areas into island refuges with dramatically weakened habitat values. Recognizing the need for immediate actions to protect critical connectivity chokepoints, the Conservancy has set aside \$1 million to support immediate acquisitions of land or easements at one or more of these priority areas in Alameda County.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

RANCLAND ACQUISITION; \$1,000,000

The Department of Fish and Game recently purchased the 8,078-acre Knoxville Ranch in the Blue Ridge-Berryessa Wildlife Area and are considering the purchase of additional property in the Blue ridge area to create a corridor running from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management “Cache Creek Management Area” located adjacent and north of the Knoxville Ranch and nearly to Clear Lake, south to Lake Berryessa.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

SONOMA COAST ACQUISITION; \$1,000,000

The Conservancy is working with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to identify a priority coastal site for acquisition where there is a willing seller.

CITY OF EL CERRITO

CERRITO CREEK STABILIZATION, RESTORATION, AND PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS; \$350,000

Funds will be used to restore a three-block reach of Cerrito Creek on the El Cerrito/Albany border, as the first step in a larger program to create a creekside greenway linking the Ohlone Greenway, a regional north-south trail, and the Bay Trail. Initial steps include regrading the creek channel to eliminate hazards, creating a stable meander, and implementing basic erosion-control planting with native trees and grasses.

CITY OF HALF MOON BAY

PILARCITOS CREEK TRAIL CONSTRUCTION; \$100,000

This grant will enable the City of Half Moon Bay to move forward with its proposed construction of a bike and pedestrian trail along the creek, linking downtown Half Moon Bay with points west of Highway One leading to the City’s existing blufftop Coastal Trail system.



CITY OF SAN JOSE

COYOTE-ALAMITOS CANAL TRAIL MASTER PLAN; \$394,000

The City of San Jose will prepare a feasibility study and master plan for the Coyote-Alamitos Canal Trail, the first step toward development of a 4.5 mile trail connecting Almaden Lake City Park and Santa Teresa County Park to the Coyote Park Chain. The Feasibility Study will help the City resolve issues regarding trail alignment, liability, management, and privacy for nearby residents. The trail would serve a large urban population of joggers, walkers, in-line skaters, bicyclists and equestrians. It will also contribute additional links to the planned network of 100 miles of trail in urban San Jose and to the Bay and Ridge trails.



CITY OF SAN JOSE/SANTA CLARA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

ALVISO MARINA, PHASE II; \$400,000

Construction of new public access shoreline improvements that includes a shoreline trail and connection to existing wildlife view levee trails, seating, vegetation buffers along existing parking areas, tables, rest area benches, viewing platforms, and habitat interpretive signage. Also, improvements will include removal of existing marina docks and walkway floats, and exotic plant abatement.

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

GUADALUPE RIVER TRAIL; \$1,760,000

This project will provide public access and recreational improvements along the Guadalupe River consisting of continuous trail connecting nearby open space plazas, public transit, and the River Street Historic District.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

BLACK DIAMOND MINES ROSE HILL CEMETERY; \$29,500

The Rose Hill Cemetery is on the National and State Registers of historic places. East Bay Regional Park District is undertaking restoration efforts that include soil stabilization, replanting trees and shrubs, brick and stone gravesite reconstruction, fence repair, and gravestone repair and reinstallation. Conservancy funds will be used to support this restoration.

BLACK DIAMOND MINES PARK RESTORATION; \$500,000

Conservancy funds will be used to restore the historic coalmines for public access and education.

MARIN AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST

RANCLAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT; \$1,300,000

Conservancy funds will be used to purchase a conservation easement for one or more properties from willing sellers.

MARIN AUDUBON SOCIETY

TRIANGLE MARSH ACQUISITION; \$22,500

This 31-acre site consists of significant wetland and upland habitat and provides a wildlife corridor between Ring Mountain Nature Preserve and San Francisco Bay. The Corte Madera Ecological Reserve is northwest of the site. Acquisition provides an opportunity to enhance seasonal wetlands and the upland transition zone, consistent with the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Report. These Conservancy funds are an augmentation to a previous acquisition grant.

MARIN COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

BOLINAS LAGOON RESTORATION IMPLEMENTATION; \$2,000,000

Conservancy funds will be used for implementation of the Restoration Feasibility Study. (See page 15 for more details.)

MARIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

TOMALES BAY WATERSHED ASSESSMENT; \$62,000

Tomales Bay and its 232 square mile watershed are remarkable for their beauty and diversity of wildlife. The watershed is sanctuary to the listed coho salmon and steelhead trout, and the waters of Tomales Bay are part of the Gulf of the Farallones National marine Sanctuary. Unfortunately, the Bay has recently been listed as an “impaired waterbody” by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. This funding will be used to create a watershed assessment that will evaluate the current state of knowledge, provide an implementation strategy for the larger watershed plan, and prioritize short and long-term restoration opportunities.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FREEDOM CENTER

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FREEDOM CENTER DESIGN; \$250,000

The idea for the MLK, Jr. Freedom Center grew from the planting of a January-blooming magnolia tree in what was then known as San Leandro Shoreline Park. Since then, a larger Memorial Grove has been planted around the magnolia tree, and the park has been renamed as MLK, Jr. Regional Shoreline Park. Conservancy funds will be used for program planning, project development, and design costs for the Freedom Center, a project that will attract Bay Area residents to a site with direct access to the Bay shoreline for educational programs and activities.

MID-PENINSULA OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

SIERRA AZUL OPEN SPACE PRESERVE ACQUISITION; \$4,000,000

The Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve now includes over 14,000 acres of rugged terrain. Located between Highway 17 and San Jose, the preserve is close to urban centers, yet its steep chaparral-covered ridges, forested ravines, abundant wildlife, and lofty summits give it the feel of wilderness. Acquisition of these two properties will ensure protection of this unique area, in addition to habitat and corridor protection, recreation opportunities, and watershed and viewshed protection.



PACIFICA LAND TRUST

PICARDO RANCH OPTION; \$100,000

Picardo Ranch covers 166 acres and occupies a quiet valley just off the busy streets of Pacifica. It is the last large family farm left in Pacifica, a suburban city which 50 years ago was almost entirely in agriculture. This purchase would provide trail access to the Baquiano Trail and the San Francisco Discovery Site, as well as connect to the Bay Area Ridge Trail. This site could also serve as a future home for an environmental education center, where visitors could learn about organic farming, pollution prevention, composting, and habitat protection.

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO

DOWNTOWN FERRY TERMINAL PUBLIC PIER; \$400,000

A new Downtown San Francisco Ferry Terminal is currently being constructed by the Port of San Francisco to provide expanded commuter service. In conjunction, the Port will build the Ferry terminal Public Pier on top of the new breakwater on the south side of the Ferry terminal. The Pier will begin at the Bay Trail as it runs along the Embarcadero Promenade. It will provide an opportunity to walk out over the Bay and enjoy spectacular views of the Bay Bridge, Treasure Island, and Downtown San Francisco, as well as offering a place for fishing, strolling, and picnicking at the Bay's edge.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY WILDLIFE SOCIETY

BAIR ISLAND TECHNICAL STUDIES; \$122,000

Conservancy funds will be used for additional technical studies required to complete the Bair Island Enhancement Plan. Previously completed studies indicated tidal restoration could create unacceptably high tidal velocities adjacent to developed shorelines. New hydrologic studies will look at alternative restoration approaches that will not have these adverse impacts.

SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY INSTITUTE

WETLAND REGIONAL MONITORING PROGRAM; \$35,000

The goal of the San Francisco Bay Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program is to provide the scientific understanding necessary to protect, create, restore, and enhance wetlands of the San Francisco Bay Region, through objective and cost-effective monitoring, research, and communication. A multi-agency Steering Committee has been established to refine, provide policy direction, and to implement the Wetlands RMP. This Steering Committee has identified three major components to the Wetlands RMP: ambient monitoring, project monitoring, and special studies. In addition, initial work has begun in developing the ambient monitoring component to help sponsors of restoration projects distinguish the performance of their projects from background variability among comparable wetlands.

SAVE MOUNT DIABLO

WRIGHT RANCH ACQUISITION; \$590,000

The Wright Ranch contains 76 acres of oak woodland and is strategically located between the east side of Mount Diablo State Park and the East Bay Regional Park District's Morgan Territory Regional Preserve. Conservancy funds will be used by Save Mount Diablo to acquire the property for a staging area and to secure a continuous wildlife corridor of open space around Curry Canyon.

SOLANO COUNTY FARMLANDS AND OPEN SPACE FOUNDATION

HOSKINS RANCH CONSERVATION EASEMENT; \$345,000

The Foundation will acquire a conservation easement over the 367-acre Hoskins Ranch in northwestern Solano County. The easement will protect a working family agricultural operation, open space, natural habitats, scenic viewsheds, portions of the Putah Creek watershed and a habitat corridor from Pleasants Valley to the Blue Ridge mountains.

LYNCH CANYON MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION; \$236,000

Lynch Canyon is a 1,039-acre property that was acquired by the Solano County Farmlands and Open Space Foundation in 1996. The property contains steeply rolling hills that are blanketed with grasslands and accented with groves of buckeyes and oaks. The 99-foot ridges afford panoramic views extending from the Coast Ranges to San Francisco Bay and across the Delta to the Sierra Nevada. Conservancy funds will be used to increase public access opportunities and improve resource values. Specific measures funded include development of four miles of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, a staging area and public access amenities, and creation of environmental education and stewardship programs.

TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

COWELL RANCH ACQUISITION; \$3,000,000

These funds will assist the acquisition of a 3870-acre portion of the Cowell Ranch property in eastern Contra Costa County. The Cowell Ranch is unique in its size, location and the diversity of habitats it contains. The property supports 54 wildlife species, including 12 special status species. Acquisition of the property will add another significant link to the existing protected lands in eastern Contra Costa County, protect wildlife habitat and corridors and augment regional trail systems.

INDIA BASIN STAIRWAY; \$50,000

Conservancy funds will be used for a feasibility study for an all-accessible stairway to San Francisco Bay Trail at India Basin. The feasibility study will address accessibility challenges for pedestrians with disabilities on a 32% slope. Design work will include engineering, landscape architecture, and cost estimates.

BAY AREA PROJECTS USING OTHER COASTAL CONSERVANCY FUNDS

BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL COUNCIL

BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL COUNCIL PROGRAM BLOCK GRANT

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council works with public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners throughout the Bay Area to identify and fund development of projects that will complete the planned 400-mile Bay Area Ridge Trail. When complete, the system will connect 75 public parks and open space areas. Conservancy funds will be used to develop plans and designs for completion of ridge trail segments, for implementing trail projects, acquiring property interests, and for monitoring implementation of funded projects.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY

HAMILTON WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The Conservancy is authorized to enter into an agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers to implement the Hamilton Restoration Project and to provide up to \$13,820,000 for the nonfederal share of project costs including the costs of construction, monitoring and adaptive management for the project.

CITY OF PACIFICA

PACIFICA COASTAL TRAIL

A wheelchair-accessible accessible coastal trail section of 4,000 linear feet will be constructed from the municipal parking lot at Rockaway Beach to the Pacifica State Beach parking lot. The trail will consist of paved trail segments and elevated boardwalk, and will replace the existing network of informal trails that cross the bluffs and dunes. The alignment will separate trail users from Highway 1 and redirect public access away from environmentally sensitive areas.

COASTAL WATERSHED COUNCIL

GAZOS CREEK WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT PLAN

The Gazos Creek watershed is still relatively pristine and one of the few remaining central coast streams supporting the state-listed endangered Coho salmon. It is one of nine watersheds targeted in the California Department of Fish and Game's "Strategic Plan for Restoration of Endangered Coho Salmon South of San Francisco Bay". Problems threatening the salmon population include sedimentation, lack of escape cover, and stream flows. The Coastal Watershed Council will prepare a watershed enhancement plan that identifies factors that are currently limiting salmonid productivity, recommends site-specific projects, provides an implementation strategy, and proposes a monitoring program to measure the extent to which restoration goals are accomplished.

COUNTY OF MARIN

WEST MARIN-TOMALES BAY SEPTICS ASSESSMENT

Western Marin County is predominantly rural in character, and its wastewater needs are served by individual on-site sewage disposal systems. There are approximately 9,000 septic systems within the Tomales Bay watershed, many of these are old and present a continuing source of public health problems and pollution within Tomales Bay. Conservancy funds will be used to inventory the location of septic systems, develop a strategic plan for addressing problems, to conduct a public outreach program, develop alternative policies for septic management, and develop a demonstration inspection program.

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

SAN MATEO COUNTY RURAL COASTAL SEPTICS ASSESSMENT

Western San Mateo County is predominantly rural in character, and a large proportion of its wastewater needs are served by individual on-site disposal systems. Most of these are old installations are substandard and may represent a continuing source of public health problems and pollution to coastal creeks and streams. Conservancy funds would be used to inventory the location of septic systems and to develop plans for addressing septic problems.

COUNTY OF SONOMA

MONTE RIO COMMUNITY SEPTIC SYSTEM DESIGN

The community of Monte Rio is located in western Sonoma County and its wastewater needs are presently served by individual on-site sewage disposal systems. These are contributing both bacterial and nutrient contaminants to the Russian River. The proposed Monte Rio wastewater system is a relatively low cost, low maintenance and innovative solution to community sewer problems that could be adapted to other rural coastal communities.

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

FERRY POINT PIER RESTORATION

The East Bay Regional Park District is restoring the underlying structure, decking, and historic gallows frame of Ferry Point Pier at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline in Point Richmond. Public access to the pier will be improved through the construction of a bridge spanning a burned portion of the pier. Ferry Point Pier has regional historical significance as a once-important rail and ferry boat terminus between 1899 and 1975.



NAPA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NAPA RIVER FLOOD REDUCTION AND WETLAND RESTORATION

The Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District developed a nationally acclaimed flood protection project for the urban reaches of the Napa River. The project design will provide flood protection by reconnecting the river to its flood plain, removing constrictions including eight bridges, creating wetlands throughout the 6.9-mile area, and using environmentally sensitive stream bank treatment. Conservancy funds will be used to acquire property from willing sellers within the historic floodplain.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL PROJECT

SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL PROJECT BLOCK GRANT

The Bay Trail project is administered by the Association of Bay Area Governments. When completed, the Bay Trail will be approximately 400 miles long and will have connecting trails that link to regional destination points inland of the Bay. Approximately half the trail is completed. Conservancy funds will be used to conduct grant rounds and to fund specific projects for the addition of new segments to the Bay Trail, and for the second year of fieldwork for data collection for a wildlife and public access study. Several projects receiving Bay Area Conservancy Program funds also received grants from the Bay Trail Project block grant.

SONOMA LAND TRUST

DEWAR PARCEL ACQUISITION

The Sonoma Land Trust will acquire 40 acres of coastal upland property for inclusion into the existing Estero Americano Nature Preserve. The Dewar Parcel includes a steep riparian valley and coastal ridgelines of open grasslands and brushy slopes, and offers spectacular scenic views over the entire preserve and to the Estero Americano. The property will provide much needed parking for passive recreational use.

SUMMARY OF FUNDED PROJECTS (FY 1999/2000)

<u>Grant Recipient/Project</u>	<u>Funding</u>	
	<u>Conservancy</u>	<u>Matching</u>
BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL COUNCIL Planning, mapping, and acquisition for eight Ridge Trail projects	\$300,000	\$150,000
CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY <i>Spartina</i> control	\$149,000	\$410,800
Bel Marin Keys acquisition planning	\$145,000	TBD
Geographic Information Systems Mapping Services	\$100,000	TBD
CARQUINEZ REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER Elkhorn Creek restoration project	\$22,000	\$22,000
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO Crissy Field Wetlands	\$49,500	TBD
CITY OF ALBANY Codornices Creek restoration final engineering & design	\$100,000	\$97,000
CITY OF BRENTWOOD Marsh Creek-Griffith Park	\$60,000	\$46,250
CITY OF HALF MOON BAY Half Moon Bay bluffs restoration	\$15,000	\$5,000
CITY OF PETALUMA Petaluma Marsh Access	\$350,000	TBD
EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT Bosley/Weaver acquisition (Brushy Peak), Phase 4 (395 acres)	\$300,000	\$825,250
Clayton Ranch acquisition, Phase II (350 acres)	\$300,000	\$400,000
Temescal Beach House	\$270,875	\$799,125
FRIENDS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY Bay Area creeks technical assistance	\$202,000	\$183,000
GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT Vallejo River Park public access and enhancement	\$118,000	\$300,000
LANDPATHS Sonoma Mountain Ridge Trail Construction	\$30,000	\$93,829
LAND TRUST FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY Fundraising for Kirk property acquisition (see also Santa Clara County Open Space Authority)	\$25,000	\$0
MARIN AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST Gale Ranch conservation easement (586 acres)	\$180,000	\$400,000
Burbank Ranch conservation easement (325 acres)	\$150,000	\$150,000
MARIN AUDUBON SOCIETY Triangle Marsh acquisition (31 acres)	\$22,000	\$50,000
MARIN COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT Keig property acquisition (94 acres)	\$600,000	\$1,750,000

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SUMMARY OF FUNDED PROJECTS (FY 1999/2000)

<u>Grant Recipient/Project</u>	<u>Funding</u>	
	<u>Conservancy</u>	<u>Matching</u>
MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT Watersheds of Fairfax	\$100,000	TBD
MUIR HERITAGE LAND TRUST Gustin property acquisition (80 acres)	\$103,942	\$97,000
NAPA COUNTY LAND TRUST Newell Open Space Preserve acquisition/management plan (640 acres) Quail Ridge Reserve acquisition (247 acres)	\$116,000 \$330,500	\$2,500,000 \$123,300
PACIFICA LAND TRUST Picardo Ranch acquisition appraisal	\$7,000	TBD
PENINSULA OPEN SPACE DISTRICT/MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT Bear Creek Redwoods acquisition (805 acres)	\$3,006,500	\$7,000,000
PORT OF OAKLAND Middle Harbor park access feasibility study	\$100,000	\$27,500
SAN FRANCISCO BAY JOINT VENTURE Operational funding	\$11,029	TBD
SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUNDS San Francisco Bay Delta and Estuary Center pre-development	\$137,000	\$105,000
SAN FRANCISCO FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARKS Lake Merced enhancement and regional trail connections Parcel 4 coastal dune restoration and public access India Basin restoration, Phase III	\$100,000 \$100,000 \$100,000	\$572,230 \$100,000 \$100,000
SAN MATEO COUNTY Coastal Access—offer to dedicate	\$20,000	TBD
SANTA CLARA COUNTY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY Kirk Property acquisition (534 acres)	\$475,000	\$1,459,000
SAVE MOUNT DIABLO Silva property acquisition (435 acres)	\$400,000	\$350,000
SAVE SAN FRANCISCO BAY ASSOCIATION Canoes in Sloughs watershed education program	\$50,000	\$122,000
SOLANO COUNTY FARMLANDS AND OPEN SPACE FOUNDATION King Ranch acquisition, Phase I (500 acres)	\$1,000,000	\$251,000
SOUTHERN SONOMA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT Sonoma Creek wetland enhancement project	\$160,000	TBD
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY Napa River Salmonoid habitat protection	\$74,800	\$200,000
URBAN CREEKS COUNCIL Baxter Creek restoration	\$45,000	\$30,000

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SUMMARY OF FUNDED PROJECTS (FY 1999/2000)

<u>Grant Recipient/Project</u>	<u>Funding</u>	
	<u>Conservancy</u>	<u>Matching</u>
VARIOUS		
Small project grants	\$25,855	TBD
BAY AREA OPEN SPACE COUNCIL		
Regional open space and trail planning, mapping, and coordination	<u>\$42,000</u>	<u>\$70,000</u>
Total	\$9,775,726	\$19,718,171
Program Funding Leverage		
Conservancy Funds	less than 33%	
Matching Funds		greater than 67%

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR BAY AREA PROJECTS USING COASTAL CONSERVANCY FUNDS OTHER THAN BAY AREA CONSERVANCY PROGRAM FUNDING

<u>Grant Recipient/Project</u>	<u>Funding</u>	
	<u>Conservancy</u>	<u>Matching</u>
CITY OF OAKLAND		
Lake Merritt marsh restoration (final design and engineering)	\$90,000	\$15,000
CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY		
Introduced <i>Spartina</i> eradication	\$150,700	\$410,800
Hamilton wetlands restoration	\$502,000	TBD
MARIN AUDUBON SOCIETY		
Triangle Marsh acquisition	\$225,000	\$835,000
MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT		
Bear Creek Redwoods acquisition (revolving loan)	\$3,000,000	TBD
MUIR HERITAGE LAND TRUST		
Gustin Ranch acquisition	\$380,000	TBD
NATURAL HERITAGE INSTITUTE		
Big Break/Marsh Creek restoration and stewardship	\$231,000	\$177,000
SAN FRANCISCO BAY JOINT VENTURE		
Operational funding	\$10,000	TBD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL PROJECT		
Competitive grants (in progress)	\$2,500,000	\$8,415,000
SAN FRANCISCO FRIENDS OF PARKS AND RECREATION		
Lake Merced Access Trail	\$450,000	TBD
SAN MATEO COUNTY		
Coastal Access—Offers to Dedicate	\$55,000	TBD
SONOMA LAND TRUST		
Sequeira Ranch acquisition	\$1,000,000	\$1,370,000

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